

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BELGRA 05876 311513Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-13 NEA-10 ARA-10 MCT-01 L-03
SY-05 FBIE-00 USSS-00 CPR-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00
PM-05 H-01 INR-07 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AF-10 ACDA-07 SCA-01 /117 W
-----130857 010119Z /15

R 311240Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2210
INFO USUN MISSION NEW YORK 1036

C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 5876

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: YO, US, XF, UR, PDIP, BU
SUBJECT: LUERS' MEETING WITH MOJSOV

1. LUERS MET THIS MORNING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MOJSOV FOR AN HOUR-LONG REVIEW OF U.S.-YUGOSLAV BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS. DURING CONVERSATION LUERS REVIEWED CURRENT U.S. POSITIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, PANAMA CANAL, AND U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. IN ADDITION, LUERS RAISED ISSUE OF TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC INSTALLATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND EMPHASIZED USG INTENTION TO DO EVERYTHING IT COULD TO PROTECT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. MOJSOV MADE SEVERAL POINTS WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT.

A. THE MIDDLE EAST: WHILE THE YUGOSLAVS WILL BE TALKING "SOON" TO THE PLO, THEY HAVE, AS YET, NO DIRECT WORD ON PLO ATTITUDES IN THE WAKE OF THE VANCE VISIT. THE GOY HAS HEARD "INDIRECTLY," HOWEVER, THAT THE PLO IS NOT PREPARED TO ABANDON ITS CURRENT POSITION ON UN RESOLUTION 242. A CHANGE IN THE PLO POSITION, MOJSOV SAID, IS A DIPLOMATIC CARD WHICH THE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BELGRA 05876 311513Z

PLO IS NOT PREPARED TO GIVE UP IN ADVANCE, AND WILL NOT OCCUR IN THE ABSENCE OF PRIOR ASSURANCE OF RECIPROCITY. MOJSOV ALSO REITERATED FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC'S EARLIER RECOMMENDATION TO DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER THAT DIRECT USG CONTACT WITH THE PLO MIGHT PROVE TO BE PRODUCTIVE.

B. U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP: MOJSOV SAID IT

IS THE GOY'S ESTIMATE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW "PASSING THROUGH" THEIR MOST DIFFICULT TIME IN ASSESSING THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION. IT IS THE YUGOSLAV VIEW THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW COMING TO A "MORE POSITIVE ASSESSMENT" OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAN HAD EXISTED EARLIER. MOJSOV ALSO SAID THE SOVIETS, DURING THE TITO VISIT, HAD INDICATED AN INTEREST IN REACHING A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES UNDER NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO PROMISED THAT PRESIDENT TITO WOULD BE RESPONDING TO THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AFTER HIS RETURN TO BELGRADE FROM PEKING.

C. SOUTHERN AFRICA: THE NEW ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR RHODESIA IS A "GOOD ONE." YUGOSLAV INDICATIONS FROM LUSAKA ARE THAT SOUTHERN AFRICAN LEADERS ARE EXPECTING A WRITTEN PLAN; IF THEY CAN GET THIS THE YUGOSLAVS ARE "HOPEFUL" THAT THE FRONT-LINE STATES WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY. MOJSOV WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A POSITIVE SMITH RESPONSE, BUT SAID HE WAS MORE HOPEFUL WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIA THAN HE HAD EARLIER BEEN.

D. BALKAN COOPERATION: IN RESPONSE TO LUERS' QUESTION ON WHETHER THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO THE RUMORS THAT THERE WAS RENEWED PROGRESS TOWARD INCREASED BALKAN COOPERATION, MOJSOV SAID THAT THE SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED, AT LEAST IN PART BECAUSE OF THE BULGARIANS. THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS AND PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BELGRA 05876 311513Z

CONTRARY ARE IN ERROR.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING AMBASSAOR ASKED MOJSOV IF THERE WAS ANYTHING LATTER NEEDED BEFORE HIS SEPTEMBER 10 DEPARTURE FOR THE UNGA. WHILE MOJSOV RESPONDED IN THE NEGATIVE, EMBASSY IS NEVERTHELESS CONCERNED THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ASSURE HIS SECURITY HAVE BEEN TAKEN--DESPITE HIS BAD TEMPER DURING HIS LAST VISIT TO NEW YORK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT THE PLANS ARE FOR HIS PROTECTION, AND WHETHER MOJSOV HAS BEEN INFORMED (PRESUMABLY THROUGH THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON) OF WHAT WILL BE DONE.
EAGLEBURGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETINGS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 31-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BELGRA05876
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770315-0988
Format: TEL
From: BELGRADE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t1977085/aaaaadwg.tel
Line Count: 107
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e89e1759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1566658
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LUERS' MEETING WITH MOJSOV
TAGS: PDIP, YO, US, XF, UR, BU, (LUERS, WILLIAM H)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e89e1759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009